



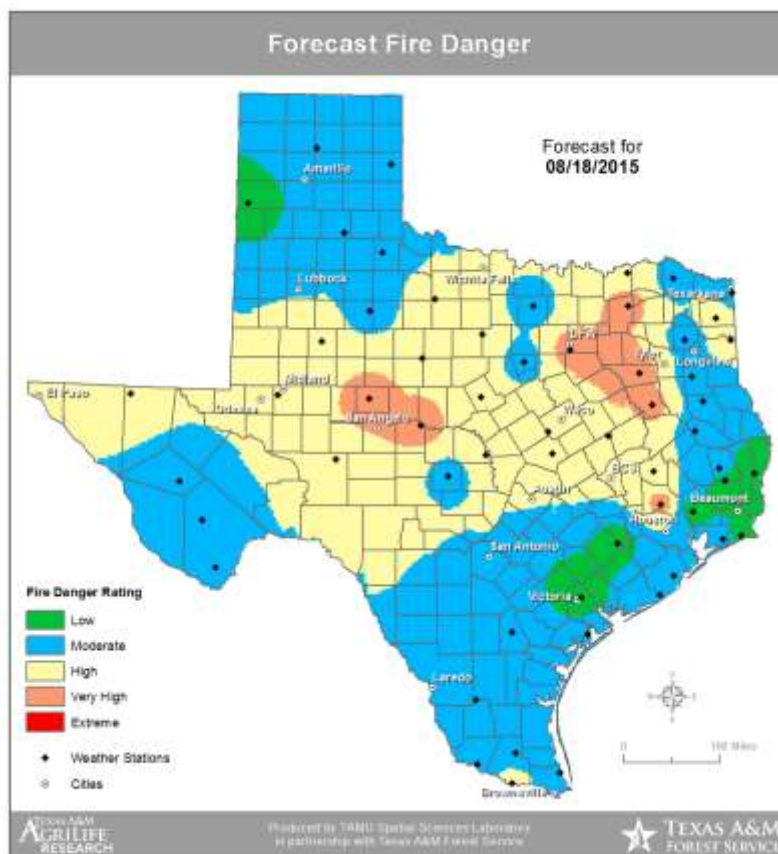
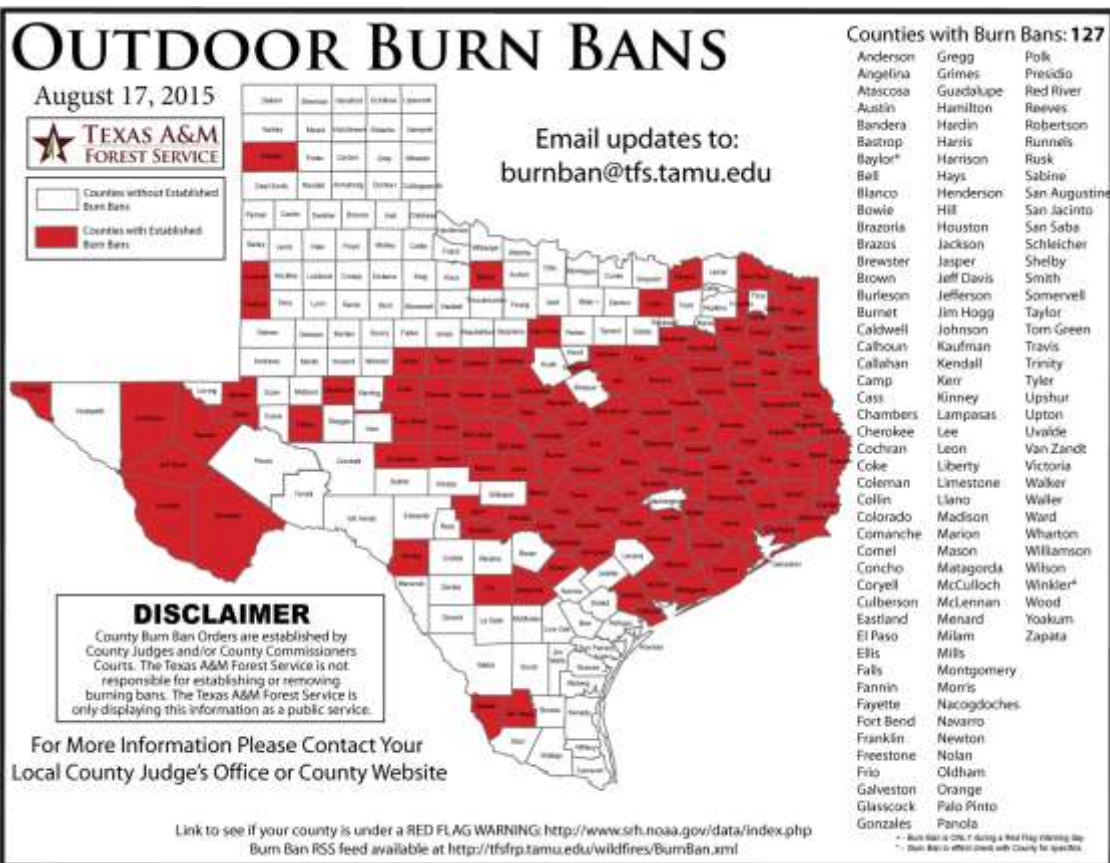
Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

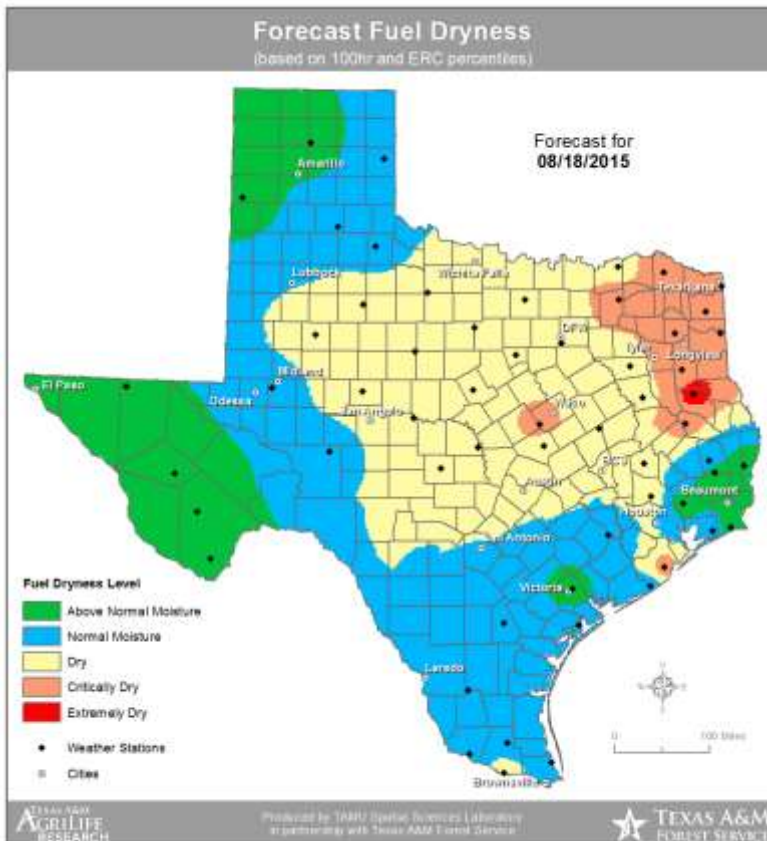
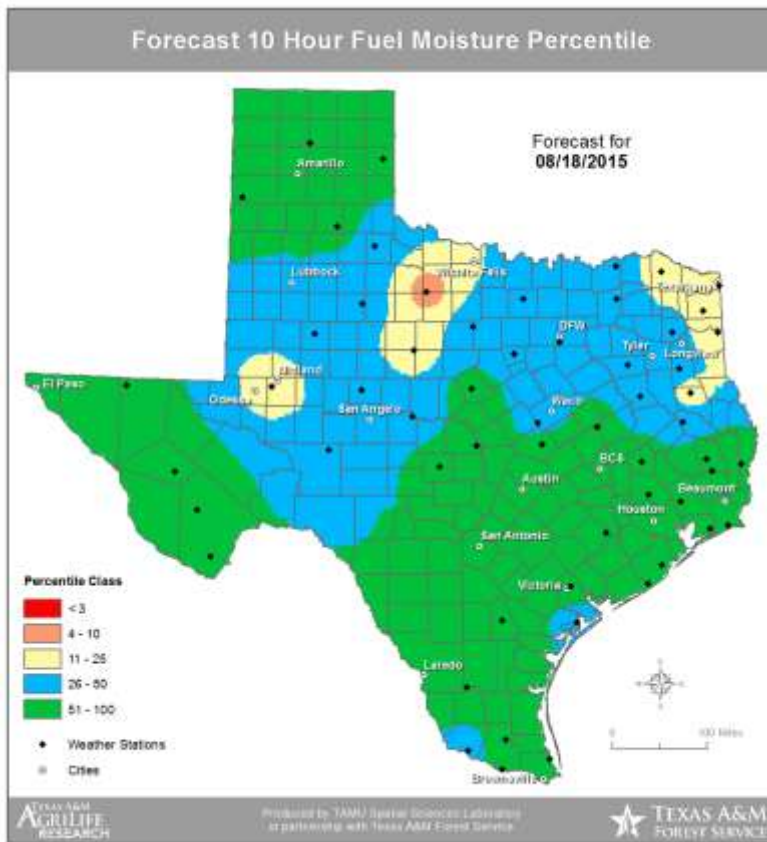
Event Name	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
Date	08/18/2015
Time	0700
Operational Period	0700 08/17/15 thru 0700 08/18/15
Report Number	7

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	3, 4, 5 and 6
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Rainfall continues over west and southeast coastal Texas, with significant changes possible Wednesday evening. A dominant upper-level ridge has moved over southern California and is producing shortwave disturbances that move steadily southward along the east side of the ridge in Far West Texas. Weak convective activity is anticipated again for southeastern Texas today. A strong fall-like storm system is deepening east of the Rockies and will begin to affect the northern and eastern portions of Texas. This will generate a cold front that will pass through central and western New Mexico today. As the upper-level trough deepens and drops south, the chances of rainfall for Texas improve for Wednesday evening north of I-20 and move to the south of I-20 by Thursday morning. A weak shortwave is forecast Friday to move through the far eastern and southern portions of Texas including the lower Rio Grande from Amistad and points downstream. However, significant rain chances from this system are low. With lowered probabilities of rain chances, no significant flooding is expected the next few days. The drought monitor shows 39% of Texas is experiencing abnormally dry conditions with 4% of the area under severe drought conditions.





Operational Priorities:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21 and 24)

DDC 19 Laredo: (Includes Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr Counties)

Starr County:

Starr County Brushfire: The 80-acre fire is located 4 miles east of Rio Grande on State Highway (SH) 83 south. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Roma Fire Department (FD), Rio Grande FD, La Rosita FD, Escobares Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), La Casita Volunteer FD, La Grulla FD, Starr County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Starr County Sheriff's Office (SO) responded.

DDC 24 Del Rio: (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

Val Verde County:

West Fire: The fire has consumed approximately 3,000 acres and is 50% contained. The West Fire is 24 miles northeast of Comstock. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is the lead agency.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9 and 10)

DDC 10 San Angelo: (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

Tom Green County:

Head of the River Fire: The fire, which started on 08/15/15, is located 10 miles southeast of Christoval on Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 2084. An aircraft mapping flight showed a more accurate number of acres burned at 5,204; the fire is 90% contained. The evacuation notice that was issued has been rescinded and the shelter at the Christoval Community Center has been closed. No VFD's remain on scene. Tom Green County resources and TFS resources that include TIFMAS, remain on scene. TxDOT crews are providing equipment and traffic control. Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) aircraft and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator (DC) San Angelo also responded.

Crockett County:

Sutton Ranch Fire: The fire, which started on 08/12/15, was reportedly caused by a lightning strike. The United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) provided a helicopter to map the fire area, indicating the fire at 693 acres and is 75% contained. Currently, TFS is monitoring this area and cold trailing the perimeter along the northern and eastern edges.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3 and 7)

DDC 3 Wichita Falls: (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young counties)

Young County:

Upper Tonk Fire: The fire is 80% contained and local fire departments continue to work on it. Two TFS dozers have been released and two remain on scene. The fire is being mapped to provide better burned acreage information, which is currently estimated at 300-400 acres. Weather conditions were very favorable overnight with high relative humidity (RH) of 80% and low temperatures. 1 structure was destroyed and 2 were saved. Graham FD, Young County Rural VFD (composed of several VFDs), and TFS continue to respond.

DDC 7 Abilene: (Includes: Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Comanche counties).

Echols Fire: Started on 08/15/15 in Stephens County consumed 22 acres and is 100% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18 and 17)

DDC 17 Victoria: (Includes: Gonzales, DeWitt, Lavaca, Goliad, Jackson, Victoria and Calhoun counties)

Gonzales County:

Harwood Fire: The 10 acre fire is located along Interstate Highway (IH) 10 (29.650981, - 97.508175). The fire was 35% contained and has moved into a heavily wooded creek area with no easy access. The Gonzales County FD, Gonzales FD, Ottine FD, Waelder FD and a Dozer Crew from TFS responded.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS
REPORTS**

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Highway Patrol is assisting with traffic control.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS has a total of 56 dozers and 7 engines available statewide. TFS is responding to numerous fires and assisting local fire departments.

Fire Name	County	TFS Assets
Sutton Ranch	Sutton	1 dozer 1 engine 9 personnel
Head to the River Ranch	Tom Green	5 dozers 1 engine 17 personnel
Cox Ranch	Crockett	4 dozers

		2 engines 9 personnel
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Aviation Assets: 2 SEATs; 2 Type 3 Helicopters; 1 Type 2 Helicopter; 1 Air Attack

Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):

Strike Team 1 (Austin Area)	
Austin FD	Command
Georgetown FD	Type 6
Lake Travis Fire Rescue	Type 6
Leander FD	Type 6
North Lake Travis Fire Rescue	Type 6
Oak Hill FD	Type 6
Round Rock FD	Type 6
Strike Team 2 (San Antonio Area)	
Bulverde-Spring Branch FD	Type 6
District 7 Fire Rescue	Type 6
New Braunfels Fire	Command & Type 6
Schertz Fire	Type 6
San Antonio	Type 3 & 6 (1 demob)
Strike Team 3 (Houston/Midland Area)	
Big Spring FD	Type 6
Galveston FD	Type 6
Midland FD	Command & Type 6
Montgomery Co ESD #1	Type 6
Northeast Fire & Rescue	Type 6
Helicopter (Austin Area)	
STARFlight	Type 2

A STAR was received for a TIFMAS Engine Strike Team (Type 6) to be staged in Ozona for assignment to combat wild fires in Crockett and Val Verde Counties.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is providing fuel for TFS vehicles and monitoring roadways in fire impacted areas.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC remains engaged in feeding and canteen operations.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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